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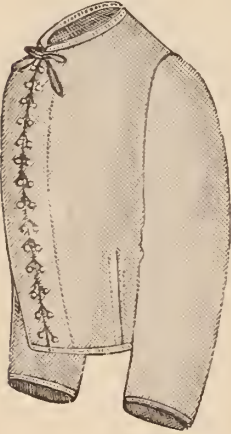


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WM. WIRT MILLS, formerly of '87, has been appointed editor-in-chief of the *Bethlehem Daily Times*. Mr. Mills was for two years an editor of THE BURR, and last year business manager, and we have no doubt that he will be successful in his new venture. The *Times* has always been perfectly fair to the students, and undoubtedly will continue to be so. We offer him our hearty congratulations.

WITH this time of the year and its attendant disagreeable weather comes, with greater force than ever, the great convenience that would be derived from a telephone placed in Packer Hall. The advantages which would arise from this have been placed before us in a former number of THE BURR and need

no further mention. In considering the fact that the authorities do not and, to all appearances, will not fill this want arises the question—why do not the students themselves take the matter in hand? They are the principal ones to be benefited and why should they not bear the expense? In fact this expense would not be felt at all if each one would take part in it and contribute his mite. Who will be the man to work this up?

UPON several occasions THE BURR has had reason to congratulate itself upon the adoption of suggestions first circulated through its columns. We, and all who are interested in making the climb up the hill of learning less difficult, are heartily glad to see that a method of classifying the books upon the shelves of the library has been adopted. No longer need the would-be reader consume valuable time in hunting promiscuously for works upon some particular subject among some sixty-three thousand volumes. The Director of the library will doubtless receive the grateful blessing of all those who frequent the library for the invaluable aid afforded by the printed slips giving the contents of every few sets of shelves. Hopes for the millenium are brightening.

WHILE THE BURR does not usually commend or condemn any particular class or clan, it feels in duty bound to raise its voice against the tolerance of the idea that Freshmen have any right of interfering or scheming to interfere with Sophomore class suppers. Last year, when 'Eighty-nine disturbed the smoothness of 'Eighty-eight's supper, we failed to find anything in accord with established customs or traditions which justified the course of the Freshmen. To the recent attempt this year, on the part of the Freshmen, to interfere with the Sophomores on the night of their class

supper, the same remark applies. 'We hope in the future that Freshman classes will not think it necessary for the establishment of a reputation, or for the maintenance of whatever reputation they may have earned, to molest in any way a supper of the classes above them.

WITH this issue of THE BURR is published a story, to the author of which, Mr. Charles B. Cassidy, '90, the Board has decided to award Five Dollars as a second prize. The undue length of this tale, otherwise very creditable, debarred it from receiving the first prize of Ten Dollars, which has been awarded to Mr. H. M. Carson, '89. It has been necessary to delay printing this story until next month. In the October number prizes were also offered for the best poem and for the best Lehigh song. In regard to these, after a thorough and impartial criticism of the few efforts handed in, we are compelled to make the statement that none are, in our judgment, of sufficient excellence to merit either of the prizes.

In competition for these three prizes there have been received five stories or sketches, three poems and two Lehigh songs. To those who have taken the necessary time and trouble to write the articles received, we wish to extend our sincere thanks and our appreciation of the interest they have thus evinced in the matter. In regard to those who have not written, enough has been said.

THE fact that such a large number of men are in active training for base-ball is a source of great satisfaction. It is a sure indication of the feeling that a decided brace must be taken in the game this year. The class games for which Prof. Williams has kindly given a pennant as a prize to the victor, will no doubt increase the interest. The committee on base-ball should adhere more closely than was the case last year to their resolution not to play any man on the team who has not trained conscientiously from the start. This in some cases might weaken the team for the time being, but, besides serving as a reward to those who

have worked faithfully, it will eventually raise the standard of the playing.

The interest in Lacrosse, in view of the strong prospects of our admittance into the Inter-Collegiate Association, is constantly increasing. The excellence of last year's team, together with the fact that most of its members are still in college and in training, arouses the hope that, if admitted to the association, Lehigh will make at least a creditable showing for the first year.

THE election of the members of THE BURR Board for the coming year will probably take place somewhat earlier this year than has been the custom heretofore. The idea is to follow, to a certain extent, the plan adopted by almost all other college publications, which lessens the work of the outgoing board—particularly that of the Senior members—and, at the same time, gives to the new comers some insight into the *modus operandi* of the laborious work connected with the editing of a college journal. By this means the new board may enter on the work of the new year with some idea of how to go to work.

As is known by all, several vacancies have existed in the present Board since the beginning of the present year, and not a single effort has been made by any eligible candidates to fill the places. On inquiry among the boards of several college publications, we find that, with scarcely a single exception, they are pestered continually with aspirants to the dignified position of scribe on their college paper. Such an infliction would be indeed welcomed by the editors of THE BURR. That there are men of sufficient talent and literary ability among the students at Lehigh we all know, and the fact that such a phenomenal indifference should exist on their part is truly deplorable. In the Editorial Board for next year there will be five vacancies—two from the present Junior class, one from the Sophomore and two from the Freshman class. It is the desire of the present board to fill all of these vacancies but they can not do so unless they

have more conclusive evidence of the ability and inclination of the men to do the necessary work. We would earnestly urge all to take an active interest in this matter.

THE decision of the court in the trial instituted by a student of Dickinson against the faculty of the college is pregnant with meaning to the college faculties of the land. The arbitrary punishment of a disobedient or fractious student is often resorted to in order to maintain a proper respect for those in authority. Owing to various circumstances, it is impossible for a faculty to obtain full and impartial evidence of any act on the part of a student which threatens the good name and the good discipline of a college. It is for the interest of all, both students and faculty, that such acts should not go unpunished, as is too often the case, or be too severely dealt with. The late trouble at Dickinson, and many similar instances, go to prove that a faculty is often misled by no fault of their own into dealing with an unmanageable student in a way which tends to weaken their authority, and consequently to increase the probability of further disorder.

It seems to be a characteristic of the American people to quietly suffer injustice when inflicted upon them by an authority which they have had some share in establishing, but to resist to the bitter end the decrees of an arbitrary authority, whether just or unjust. Nowhere is this spirit more manifest than in the Universities and Colleges of our land. It is well that it is so. Recognizing this fact, several institutions have adopted some system of government in which the governed have at least a negative voice. The practical working of these plans has amply proven the fact that students can be trusted, that the true state of faculties and undergraduates is peace and not war.

The advisability of adopting some such plan as this at Lehigh will appear at once to the thoughtful man. The present moment seems to us to be especially opportune. Thus far the

relations between our students and the faculty, who have dealt so fairly and leniently with them, have been such as redound to their mutual credit. But as the number of students increases, the task of the faculty will become one of far greater difficulty than heretofore. The recent actions of different classes by which the cane-rush and hazing have been voluntarily abolished, prompted purely by a patriotic devotion to the welfare and good name of the University, would seem to prove that any power entrusted to the honor of the undergraduates would not be abused.

The most feasible scheme, and the one most productive of satisfactory results, seems to be that in which the body of students constitute a court before which every offender must stand his trial. Every decision of this court should be subject to the approval or disapproval of the faculty. The details of such a scheme need not be entered upon.

By the institution of some plan of the nature proposed, the amicable relations between student and professor will be ensured for the future; the self-respect of the students will be augmented by the increased responsibility; and finally, our Alma Mater will have made a marked advance to that position for which she is destined—"one of the leading Universities of the land."

#### PHI GAMMA DELTA.

ON February 4th, the Lehigh Chapter of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity was formally established in the University. The Chapter has existed here for some time past, but not till this date was it officially ushered into public life. The installation ceremonies were attended by a large number of the members of the fraternity, after which a most sumptuous banquet was partaken of by those assembled.

Phi Gamma Delta was established at Jefferson College in 1848, and at present has twenty-seven active Chapters. The new Chapter has secured fine rooms in Jeter's new building, Bethlehem, and starts out with a very promising outlook.



## JUNIOR ORATORICAL CONTEST.

IN accordance with the usual custom the Junior Oratorical Contest took place on Washington's birthday. In place of the farewell address, however, Prof. Lamberton, after a short speech, read an article from the *Atlantic Monthly* by John Fiske, entitled "Washington as a Mover in Federal Government." After the usual bowing, M. V. Domenech spoke on "Man's Struggle with Geography;" A. G. Rau on "William Penn's Treaty;" G. R. Baldwin on "Liberty Enlightening the World;" G. P. Dravo on "Learning;" and E. B. Wiseman on "Liberty Enlightening the World."

The judges were W. R. Butler, M. E., '70, D. P. Bruner, C. E., '72, R. B. Claxton, C. E., '73, and they were unanimous in their decision—a fact which gave them great pleasure. Mr. Butler, in a few well chosen words on behalf of the Alumni, awarded the first prize, twenty-five dollars, to Mr. Rau, the second, fifteen dollars, to Mr. Baldwin, and the third, ten dollars, to Mr. Wiseman.

The delivery in almost every case was better than the subject matter. This is perhaps owing to the short space of time allowed each man, and the rather general character of the subjects. A feature of the performance was the singing of the Glee Club, who, although they chose the oldest "chestnuts" on record, did very well considering the short time which they had for practice.

The interest which outsiders take in this annual contest was manifested by the large number present.

## CENTRAL INTER-COLLEGIATE PRESS ASSOCIATION.

ON Feb. 19 was held in the parlors of the Continental Hotel, a meeting of representatives from a large number of the college journals published in this State. Delegates were present from Lehigh, Lafayette, Ogontz, Swarthmore, Haverford, Franklin & Marshall, Geneva and Muhlenberg. The meeting was

held for the purpose of organizing a collegiate press association. A constitution and by-laws were adopted, officers chosen, and the name appearing at the head of this article selected. The object of the association, as stated, is to raise the standard of college journalism and promote a friendly feeling between the different colleges. To further these ends each paper is to write to the others, at stated intervals, circular letters which are to be published in the exchange column. It was primarily intended to confine the membership to colleges in this State, but it was afterwards decided to send invitations to join to other colleges in New York and New Jersey. THE BURR still has the question of joining under consideration.

## DRINKING SONG.

AIR—"HABLI, HALLO."

I.

COME, comrades, fill your flagons,  
Our work, like fearful dragons  
||We have with labor slain.||  
Come drink unto Old Lehigh  
And loudly give her war-cry,  
||With all your might and main.||

CHORUS.

Come drain your glass and merry be  
While friendship's star doth shine;  
This night each heart from care is free,  
Bright shines the sparkling wine.

II.

Come, fill again your glasses,  
And drink unto the classes,  
||Now in her grand old halls.||  
To each one drink a toast—  
Each in itself a host  
||When Alma Mater calls.||

CHORUS.

III.

From hard and weary study  
We turn to wine so ruddy,  
||Our hard day's work is done.||  
Without the night is cheerless,  
Our hearts are gay and fearless,  
||This brave cheer we have won.||

CHORUS.

—On March 5th is the meeting of the delegates to the Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association of Pennsylvania.

## A COLLEGE INCIDENT.

CHARLIE EVANS and I were Juniors in B—— College at B——, and in the three years of toil and pleasure had become very dear friends. He was the favorite of our class, always in scrapes, and with it all, singularly, stood at the head, and had done so from the time he had entered. He was uncommonly bright, and a quick student, mastering his lessons easily, but well. He was a good looking, manly fellow and a fine athlete, had just reached his majority, and had lately acquired a slight growth of hair upon his upper lip, of which he was quite proud. He was also a favorite among our faculty, and was quite often invited by them to dinner, etc.

At one of these Teas, he met the daughter of a trustee of our college. He came home that night in high spirits, and woke me out of a sound sleep with, "Brownie, old boy, I have met my fate, and am in love forever this time with old Fordant's *fille*. She's a perfect beauty."

"I remember that only last week you were desperately in love with Miss Gates," I sleepily mumbled.

"But really, old fellow," he said, "I mean it this time." After which followed a very lengthy description of that young lady's numerous charms. He at last tumbled into bed, allowing me to resume my disturbed slumbers.

A month had elapsed since that little conversation. It was the evening before our examination in Calculus, which was to determine who should be the recipient of the Junior Scholarship, offered yearly by one of our devoted alumni. Evans had but one dangerous adversary, a disagreeable man named Browning, whose average was uncomfortably close to his. Much to my surprise, after supper Evans donned his best clothes and was about to leave the room without a word, when I questioned him as to where he proposed going. He laughingly evaded my question by saying, "My dear old fellow, you must not be so inquisitive."

Evans had "boned" hard for him, and entered into the examination room with his usual confidence. The examination was an extremely difficult one, I barely managing to pull through, while Evans declared that he had an almost perfect paper. That evening the results were posted and, as Evans had said, he had made a mark that assured him of victory.

The following morning, we found in Chapel, the entire faculty seated behind "Prexy." The morning lesson over, Dr. Armstrong, the president, said: "Gentlemen, I wish you all to remain for a few minutes, while we investigate into the truth of a very grave matter. No doubt you wonder at this unusual way of our settling a case, but we have decided to try this one openly.

"The janitor has informed me that on the night previous to the examination in Calculus, while walking through the lower hall, he saw a student coming out of Prof. Ford's room. The janitor was just able to catch a glimpse of his face as he ran out of the hall door. From that glimpse and from the general appearance of the young man, he feels confident that it was Mr. Evans, as he saw that gentleman a few minutes later on the way to his room. The janitor examined the room and found that both the door and desk lock had been tampered with.

"I have had Mr. Evans carefully watched and it has been found that he imparted his supposed secret to no one.

"The result of the examination has fully corroborated the janitor's belief."

Evans became a shade paler than usual, when he came forward at the request of the president.

"Mr. Evans," said the doctor, "is my information correct? Did you enter Prof. Ford's room, pick his desk lock and obtain access to the paper on which the Calculus questions were written? Did the janitor see you a few minutes later walking towards your room?"

"I saw the janitor on the night of which you speak, as I was approaching my room; but he

could not have seen me a few minutes before that time for I had just returned to the college buildings after an absence of a *few hours*," coolly replied Evans.

"Mr. Evans, I see there is a slight ray of hope for you," continued the president, "if you can explain satisfactorily what you were doing that night before the janitor saw you. Please inform these gentlemen of your whereabouts on that evening, also what made you so confident that you could afford to go out, while the other members of your class felt the necessity of hard study?"

At these questions Evans became much confused and said in a voice which quivered in spite of all efforts to render it calm, "I cannot inform you where I was on that night; but let it suffice for me to say, that I know nothing about the charges brought against me. I had studied the subject faithfully and thereby gained my confidence."

"You refuse, then, Mr. Evans, to enlighten us concerning your actions? You surely cannot comprehend what you are bringing down on yourself?"

"Yes, sir, I am sorry to say that I *do* comprehend, but I solemnly declare that I know nothing whatever about that concerning which I am accused."

"Once more, Mr. Evans. Will you answer my last question, or not?"

"I refuse. It would drag the innocent name of another into this disgraceful affair."

"Then you acknowledge yourself guilty."

"Far from it; I swear that I am innocent."

"Gentlemen," said the doctor, facing the faculty, "you have heard both sides of this matter. It is now for you to decide."

Evans returned to his seat with an air of resignation.

After a few moments of whispered conversation among the faculty, Dr. Armstrong again came forward saying: "Gentlemen, it becomes my painful duty to say for these gentlemen and myself, that Mr. Evans has committed an offense which cannot be pardoned by this in-

stitution." Addressing Evans: "Mr. Evans you are dishonorably dismissed from this college."

When this verdict was rendered, Evans half arose as though he would say something, then resumed his seat, with a horrified look on his face.

When we were together in our rooms, I entreated him to tell me all about it.

"Brownie," he said, "I have made you my confidant in everything save this. Believe me—I would tell you all, but I know that to save me from expulsion, you would not hesitate to repeat it."

He began to pack his trunk; but, big fellow though he was, he broke down. I tried to console him. "Brownie," he cried impulsively, "I have never had such a trial. I am disgracefully kicked out like a cur, because I do not choose to bring the name of some one else into this affair. What will my mother say? What will people think of me?"

He left on the next train; and was accompanied to the station by at least two-thirds of the students, thus showing that he had their heartfelt sympathy at least.

I was the last to whom he gave good-bye. "Look here, Brownie," he earnestly asked, as he held out his hand, "you don't believe all this, do you?"

I shook him sadly by the hand and said: "No, a thousand times no. I know you too well. Good-bye;" and he was gone.

The students were wild over the expulsion; and I feared at one time for the old janitor's bones. Browning was the only man that did not enter into the various discussions in regard to the dismissal. More than that, he seemed pleased, for it gave to him the prize which he had so long coveted.

On the morning preceeding the commencement, the infernal mystery was solved.

The following I gathered from Miss Fordant and Mr. Rossman.

Miss Fordant heard from her father, of the dismissal of Evans and immediately came to "Prexy" like the noble girl that she was, and



explained why Evans had refused to vindicate himself.

There was to be a play at M——, a few miles distant from B——. She and Evans had determined to see it. Her father was a strict old Methodist, and they knew it would be useless to ask for his consent. After much planning, it was settled that she was to go to the house of a friend living in M——. Evans was to call for her, take her to the theatre, and bring her back to her friend's, where she was to spend the night. This programme had been followed out, Evans leaving on the next train.

It had been his fault, although Miss Fordant never acknowledged it, that they had gone on this little escapade; and rather than she should suffer for it, he had allowed himself, almost without a word, to be sent home, disgraced, to his parents.

The question now to be settled was: if Evans had not been in Prof. Ford's room, who then had the janitor seen?

Later in the morning, this was explained by Rossman, who was Browning's room-mate.

Rossman, while returning from a visit, had seen Browning working at the door of Prof. Ford's room, and, as he watched, he saw him open the door and enter the room.

Rossman said that he did not like the idea of being an informer, but that he had felt it his duty, after two days of careful consideration, to disclose the secret.

Browning, as a matter of course, was instantly expelled, while a telegram was sent for Evans.

Evans lived but a short distance from the college, and returned in time to receive the hearty congratulations of both his teachers and fellow students, and to attend the commencement exercises, where he and Miss Fordant occupied front seats. When his name was read out for the Junior Scholarship, he came forward and received it from Mr. Fordant amid the thunder of applause that greeted him.

SAM PHALANGES.

#### SOPHOMORE CLASS SUPPER.

ON Friday, the 11th of February, the Class of '89 held its first class supper at White-sell's Hotel, Nazareth, whither they were conveyed in a number of omnibusses. Some resistance was expected from Freshmen, a number of whom had preceded the Sophomores to Nazareth, but whose sole manifestation of their presence was to kidnap a Sophomore and carry him all over the surrounding country. He was rescued, however, about midnight.

About 11:30, the class, to the number of 70, sat down to an excellent supper. After a few remarks by Mr. Arch Johnston, class president, the following song, composed by Messrs. Throop and Stockett, was sung to the air "America," with much enthusiasm:—

Here's to dear 'Eighty-nine;  
Long may her mem'ry shine  
Bright as the sun.

Our class in every thing  
To all will honor bring.  
With pride, we all will sing  
Of vict'ries won.

We have come here to-night  
With hearts and spirits light,  
Without a care!

With voices loud we'll raise  
To 'Eighty-nine the praise.  
Throughout our college days  
Our joys we'll share.

Long live the 'Varsity!  
Long live the faculty!  
Long live our class!!

As o'er life's sea we sail,  
Let courage never fail;  
But may the right prevail  
Till earth shall pass.

"So say we all of us!  
So say we all of us!  
So say we all!  
So say we all of us!  
So say we all of us!  
So say we all of us!  
So say we all!"

The speeches were all that could be desired, the toasts being as follows: "Class of '89," responded to by Mr. Farwell; "'89 Foot-ball Team," Mr. Corbin; "The Faculty," Mr. For-

ster; "'89 Base-ball Team," Mr. Walker; "Dues," Mr. Hoehling; "Their X'mas Tree," Mr. Deans; "Athletics," Mr. Reese; "'89 Tug-of-War Team," Mr. Throop; "The Rush, '89 vs. '90," Mr. Diebitch; "Alma Mater," Mr. Grammer; and "The Ladies," Mr. Butterworth.

The success of the supper was in a great measure due to the committee of arrangements, composed of Messrs. Schwartz, Johnston, Walker, Ayres and Grammer.

#### COMMUNICATIONS.

[The editors are not responsible for any opinions expressed in this column. No anonymous communications published.]

**EDITORS LEHIGH BURR:**—The students in the course in Mining and Metallurgy complain, and very justly it seems to me, that the course is too theoretical. The miners make no visits to the various mines in the Lehigh Valley, for which mines the Register states Lehigh is so admirably situated, and many men in this course get the degree of E. M. not only without ever having been in a mine, but without ever having seen one. At the Columbia School of Mines each class visits, during the summer, and works in some mine. One class will go to the Lake Superior Copper Mines, another to the Coal Mines, and so on, each class being thoroughly posted in the practice of working the kind of mine they have visited.

In metallurgy the case is quite as bad. That the course is admirable theoretically none will deny, it being second to none in the country; but as a practical course it amounts to nothing whatever. With the works of the Bethlehem Iron Company, and the Bethlehem Zinc Works within a stone's throw of the lecture room, the student never sees the inside of them unless he goes alone. The reason why it is preferable to tell a man how a thing is done, when by a walk of five minutes he can be shown, it is hard to understand.

That other metallurgical schools recognize the necessity of this practice is shown in the fact that last spring a class came from Boston

to Bethlehem simply to see and examine the methods in use at the Bethlehem Iron Company's works.

It is not too late to remedy this defect, but it should be done immediately. It should never be said that graduates of Lehigh are deficient in the practical part of the course in which they have taken their degree.

MINER.

**EDITORS LEHIGH BURR:**—I should like to speak of something which I think should be remedied. According to the rules of the University, students, unless they have special permission, are required to attend Divine service on Sunday at the Chapel. Sunday after Sunday they attend, and Sunday after Sunday find no minister there to conduct the services. Our worthy President, in the absence of the officiating clergyman, reads the service. Now although Dr. Lamberton conducts the services well, yet it does not seem like Divine service, when there is no clergyman in the chancel. This occurs not once or twice, but nearly every Sunday. The students get tired and wish they did not attend the Episcopal Church, so that they could go to another church where they could have, at least, a minister in charge.

Again, those men who are communicants, attending Chapel upon the first Sunday of the month, find there is no one to administer the Lord's Supper. They are compelled to attend Chapel, and then there is not enough interest taken in the matter to procure a clergyman for them. Thus the Christian man is debarred from partaking of the Holy Communion through carelessness, certainly, somewhere.

The writer does not say this for the sake of grumbling, but for the benefit of those who would like the privileges which the Church confers upon the humblest of her members.

A COMMUNICANT.

**EDITORS LEHIGH BURR:**—It shows a healthy condition of college sentiment that such opinions as those on foot-ball in the last BURR should find expression in the college press.



"WHEN IS THE EPIT—?"

However much individuals may differ as to the physical, intellectual, and moral effects of the game, with its present brutal aspects, there can be no question as to the injury to a correct sense of honor caused by the ease with which foul plays may be made, the large advantages to be gained thereby, and the difficulty of detection and punishment. A large share of the popularity which glove fights still have is due to the spirit of fair play with which they are conducted. If foot-ball is to regain and continue to hold the support of the best elements, some means must be devised for abating the foul play and dishonesty with which every important game of recent date has been attended. If the spectators and players are unwilling to dispense with a rough-and-tumble fight, public

opinion will back them up far more readily if the playing rules do not forbid it. Let us permit holding in the rush line and by alterations in the rules allow players, who have not the ball, to be tackled. Permit the referee to select assistants to help him in watching for unfair tactics; let him fearlessly disqualify all offenders against this revised code, without allowing a substitute to take the vacant place. Then, although it may be said that foot-ball is rough and brutal, no one can assert that the game fosters unfairness and dishonesty.

FREMONT SWAIN.

**E**DITIONS LEHIGH BURR:—It has come to my notice that, in drawing up the Constitution for the government of the Lehigh



University Athletic Association, no provision is made whereby a team captain may be called upon to resign, should such a measure be deemed expedient. As I understand it, the constitution now reads so that no captain can be deposed from his position as such unless he resigns voluntarily.

If this be the case, it follows that, no matter how poorly a team may be captained, or no matter how obnoxious a captain may be to members of the team, it would be impossible to get rid of such an incumbrance, for incumbrance he would surely prove and would indeed very materially weaken what might be an otherwise strong team.

Why could not the constitution be so amended as to give the Executive Committee of the Association the power to make any changes in this respect that may be necessary.

I do not wish to pose as a critic, but it certainly seems to me that a constitution drawn up for the government of such a body is rather faulty when it makes no provision for a thing of this kind and renders its officers utterly powerless to act in a matter which may be of the greatest importance to the success of a team.

ALUMNUS.

[If our correspondent will look up Art. III, Sec. 3, of the Constitution, he will see that the Executive Committee have complete control over all such matters.]

#### DE ALUMNIS.

[Contributions to this department are solicited.]

'70.—Dr. John M. Thomè, C.E., who has for some time been director of the National Astronomical Observatory at Cordova, Argentine Republic, is credited with the discovery of a new comet in the constellation Grus. This comet, which is increasing rapidly in brightness, is said to greatly resemble the brilliant comet of 1880. R. H. Tucker, C.E., '79, formerly instructor in mathematics, it will be remembered, is working at the same observatory under the direction of Dr. Thomè.

'72.—F. R. C. Degenhardt, A.C., died at his home in Brooklyn, N. Y., on Jan. 15. As a student, Mr. Degenhardt won the esteem of all who knew him, and graduated with honor. Shortly after graduation, he received the appointment of head chemist in the employ of the Havemeyer Sugar Refining Company, New York. This position he filled with credit until his death.

'75.—E. H. Williams, Jr., B.A. (Yale) A.C., E.M., has issued a revised edition of J. J. Atkinson's treatise on the "Gases Met With in Coal Mines." To this Prof. Williams has added an original essay on the "Action of Coal Dusts." The Professor's practical experience with the anthracite coal fields of Pennsylvania has been such as to ensure the success of this book. The convenient form in which the book is printed makes it especially handy for the practical engineer.

'84.—J. W. Kellogg, M.E., has accepted a position in the Edison Electric Light Co., New York.

'84.—Wm. Banks Foote, E.M., who has been connected with the Horseshoe Mining Company, Georgetown, Col., since his graduation, has accepted a position with the De Bardeleben Coal & Iron Co., whose works are at Birmingham, Ala.

'86.—J. S. Seibert, C.E., has given up his position on the Geological Survey to join an engineering corps of the Pennsylvania Railroad, located at Pittsburg. Mr. Seibert richly deserves his advancement to the responsible position he has secured.

'86.—Richard H. Davis, a former editor of THE BURR and one intimately connected during his collegiate course with the Mustard and Cheese Dramatic Association, has left the Philadelphia Record to accept a responsible position on the Philadelphia Press. The "Fleeting Show," which appears in the Sunday Press, is from the ready pen of Mr. Davis. While an editor of THE BURR, Mr. Davis' ability as a writer was manifest, and we think that the highest praise we can extend to him is that his advancement has been richly deserved, as well by his industry as by his natural ability.

'86.—J. W. Richards, A.C., has lately published a book on the subject of "Aluminium." In reviewing it, *The Engineering and Mining Journals* says: "A guide to our knowledge of the properties and mode of production of this metal (aluminium) was much needed in technical literature, and this want Mr. Joseph W. Richards has endeavored to supply by his lately published volume, now before us, in which a great number of facts relating to the history and mode of production of aluminium, its properties, and those of its alloys, have been brought together, making a very useful compendium \* \* \* \* \* Notwithstanding its defects, however, he has rendered to the public a valuable service, and we trust to hear from him again on the subject of aluminium."

#### KERNELS.

—"Now fellows take the dumb-bells!"

—The Quantitative Laboratory is quite full, nearly every desk being taken.

—S. S. Vorhees, formerly of '88, is in the Cambria Iron Works, at Johnstown, Pa.

—J. W. LaDoo, '87, and C. P. Pollak, '87, are borough engineers for West Bethlehem.

—A. W. Palmer, '89 and J. D. Ferguson, '89, have left college, and do not expect to return.

—The next Junior class will probably take a higher Mechanics in place of Courtenay's Calculus.

—The Senior mechanics and miners took a trip to New York and Stamford, Conn., on Feb. 11th.

—It is reported that a Sophomore has petitioned the Faculty to be allowed to sleep in the Laboratory.

—Lehigh will apply for admittance to the Inter-Collegiate Lacrosse Association at its next meeting.

—R. C. Ballard Thruston, Yale, '80, who has been taking a post-graduate course in Mining and Metallurgy, has left to take a position in Kentucky.

—Many of the students went home on Friday and stayed until the following Thursday, owing to the fact that Washington's birthday and Ash-Wednesday came so close together.

—On Friday evening, Feb. 18th, the Lehigh Chapter of Delta Upsilon held a banquet at Fatzinger's Restaurant, South Bethlehem, which was attended by several members from other chapters.

—Speaking of the Sophomore class supper, it might be well to remark the harmonious and energetic spirit which prompted almost every member to attend, rendering it a decided success in every particular.

—The Senior miners and chemists are sweating and—we almost said swearing—over their work in assaying. For the sake of the lower classes we would suggest that, if possible, this work be put earlier in the course.

—At a meeting of the executive committee of the Athletic Association held Feb. 9th, Mr. B. A. Cunningham, '87, was appointed captain of the base-ball team and Mr. Wm. Bradford, '88, captain of the foot-ball team for next year.

—The notice posted recently by the Sophomores in regard to the Freshmen is the poorest document of the kind yet published. Its attempt to be funny is miserable. It is only better than the notice of the Freshmen about the Sophomore class supper. It is about time that Lehigh men outgrow these childish customs.

—This term has witnessed a departure from the usual method of conducting the recitations in Sophomore mathematics. The technical students simply oscillate between Prof. Doolittle and Mr. Meaker, while the students in the school of general literature go entirely to Mr. Lambert. This class has mathematics five times a week.

—The miners and chemists working in the Laboratory complain, and justly, we think, that the men of other courses seem to think they own the Laboratory. The Sophomore mechanicals are the worst in this respect, some of them even taking possession of the reading room and working out metallurgical problems there. *Verbum sat.*

—The course of lectures on Christian Evidences, delivered by Prof. Lamberton, still continues to maintain the high promise of the first lecture of the course. Coming from a man of such marked learning and extensive reading as Prof. Lamberton, the lectures teem with much valuable information in regard to the position of the ancients as well as the writers of to-day upon this all-important subject. How much a course of lectures on general topics would be appreciated is shown by the attendance of others than Seniors at the Evidence lectures.

—The Senior elections for Class Day officers are as follows: C. C. Jones, Master of Ceremonies; O. O.

Terrell, Banner Orator; H. H. Stoeck, Ivy Orator; G. T. Richards, Class Prophet; Alfred Doolittle, Class Poet. The question as to whether the presentations shall be made on this day or at the class supper, is still under debate. For the sake of the public it is to be hoped that they will take place at the customary time and place, so that all may see and appreciate this, one of the most interesting features of the programme. H. B. Eggert has been chosen to do the photographing for the class.

—We have heard many expressions of disapproval of the action of the Freshmen in challenging the Sophomores to a cane-rush. Although it was very late in the year to do this, we do not think the Freshmen are as much to blame as the Sophomores in publishing a notice, as they did, which in addition to being an insult to the college in general, had nothing to recommend it but the fact that the upper classes, when Sophomores, had been foolish enough to publish a similar one. This in fact left nothing for the Freshmen to do but to challenge 'Eighty-nine to a rush or to treat it with scorn. Unfortunately, the Freshmen chose the former course, which, foolish as it may have been, did not furnish the Sophomores any excuse for their disgraceful conduct on Monday night.

In a recent issue, the *WTI.* prints the yells and colors of a number of colleges. According to this list, the Lehigh yell is—

Hoorah, h'rah!  
Hooray, h'ray! h'ray!  
H'ray! h'ray! Lehigh!

But this error is excusable, because our yell was adopted only last year, and of course could not by this time have become very widely known. For the sake of comparison we give our yell correctly—

Hoo! Rah! H'ray!  
Hoo! Rah! H'ray!  
H'ray! H'ray! H'ray! Lehigh!

—The following is a continuation of the list of books recently purchased by the library:

Comptes Rend. des Seances de L'Academie des Sciences.	Navier—Resist. des Corps Solides. 2 vols.
Annales des Ponts et Chaussees.	Eggen—Litterature Ancienne.
Journal de Mathematiques.	Marta—Les Sacerdotes Ancienne.
Memoires de la Societe Geologique.	Demosthene—Plaidoyers et Har- angues.
L'Art, to date.	Collignon—Mecanique. 5 vols.
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Croiset—La Poesie de Pindare.	Michand—Biographie Universelle. 45 vols.
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Briot—Theorie Mecanique de la Chaleur.	Tresca—Mecanique.
Deville—De L'Aluminium.	Babillon—Geometrie.
Burat—Le Materiel des Houilleres. " Mineralogie.	Duhamel—Les Sciences de Raison- nement. 5 vols.
" Geologie.	Doston—Theorie des Determinants.
" Voyages.	Gerardin—Mecanique.
Des Cloizeaux—Mineralogie. 2 vols.	Labonlaye—Cinematique.
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	Charles—Geometrie.

## COLLEGE NOTES.

COMMENTS.—The Literary Society of the Moravian Seminary for Young Ladies in Bethlehem has commenced the publication of a 4-page monthly called the *Speculum*. To the *Speculum*, we extend a warm welcome, and venture to assure it of our fraternal interest and best wishes.

The *Lantern*, from the Ohio State University, says that it is sorry to see that THE BURR has no good literary articles. In looking over the columns of our worthy contemporary, we are convinced that the old proverb, "People in glass houses should not throw stones," is more or less applicable in the present case. However, for the benefit of the *Lantern* and several other papers which seem to have a mistaken idea as to the aim of THE BURR, we will say, as we have said before, that the aim is merely to advance the best interests of the University and its students and not to be in any sense a literary journal.

—The *Chronicle* appears in a new cover. Now that it has improved externally, it would be well for it to turn its attention to its contents. The *Chronicle* is good in its way, but in our opinion is not worthy of the great educational institution which it represents. We find in it nothing partaking of the nature of general college news. And to devote three pages and a half in the body of the paper to local advertisements and purchases for the University library is not an evidence of much push or energy.

—In looking over our exchanges we are struck oftentimes by the poor quality of certain articles in some of them. We fail to see why certain of these papers are tolerated at the institutions where they are published; some are almost lifeless, and others full of such heavy and laborous articles that we wonder how any of the students can take the slightest interest in the welfare of the publication. Where the plan of a strictly literary magazine, like the *Yale Lit.*, can not be successfully carried out, it would be much better if the paper would strive to be a faithful exponent of college affairs and at the same time introduce enough light matter to make it readable and interesting.

—The Harvard Library contains at present 313,950 volumes.

—Five colleges have been established during the past year in Dakota.

—Princeton has introduced the Senate system of college government.

—Tuft's College has received \$20,000 for the enlargement of the library fund.

—The Faculty of Amherst consists of none but graduates from that college.

—The expenses of the Harvard Athletic Association for the past year were \$2,300.

—The Oxford-Cambridge race will be rowed over the usual course on March 26th.

—The circulation of the *Yale News*, the model of college dailies, is 950 copies per issue.

—The University of the City of New York has just received an anonymous gift of \$100,000.

—The Faculty of Tuft's College have decided that hereafter absence from recitations will lower a man's marks.

—Lafayette has 245 students. The college has only five endowed professorships and has never received a legacy.

—During the last thirty years the State of Michigan has given to the Ann Arbor University the sum of \$1,000,000.

—In respect to the number of students, Harvard is first, Oberlin second, Columbia third, Michigan fourth, and Yale fifth.

—The average price of rooms at Harvard is about \$145, while at Yale the average is less than \$90, and at Princeton \$60.

—The Senior class of Princeton have decided to pay the expense of lighting the college campus with electricity as a Class Memorial.

—In the United States the Episcopalians have 12 colleges; the Methodists 52; Baptists 46; Presbyterians 41; Congregationalists 28.

—The suit against the Faculty of Dickinson College at Carlisle, Pa., for expelling the student Hill, has been decided in the student's favor.

—At Princeton, a prize of \$1,500 is given yearly to that member of the Sophomore class who passes the best examination in the classics.

—Ex-President White has presented to Cornell University his valuable historical library, consisting of about 30,000 volumes and 10,000 pamphlets.

—Mr. Hiram Sibley, of Rochester, has announced his intention of donating \$250,000 to Cornell University for the enlargement of the Sibley College of Mechanic Arts.

—Princeton wants to become a University. It is felt that the Yale University foot-ball team is becoming too strong for an ordinary college to cope with.—*N. Y. World*.

—Senator Stanford's enthusiasm over his plan for erecting a great university in California is said to have reached such a pitch that he contemplates resigning his seat in the Senate in order to devote his entire time to the project.

—One result of the elective system at Harvard is the growth of interest in scientific studies there. Within three years the latest addition to the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy has been completed, but the building has already become too crowded for convenience or comfort.

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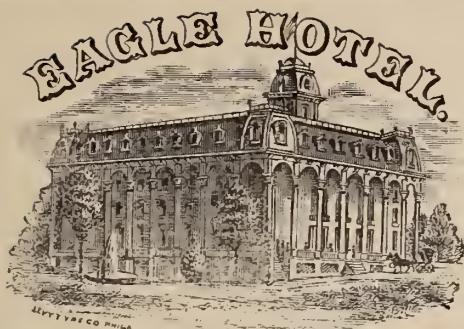
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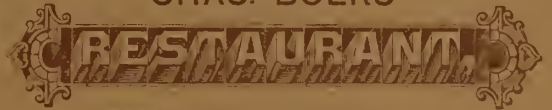
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